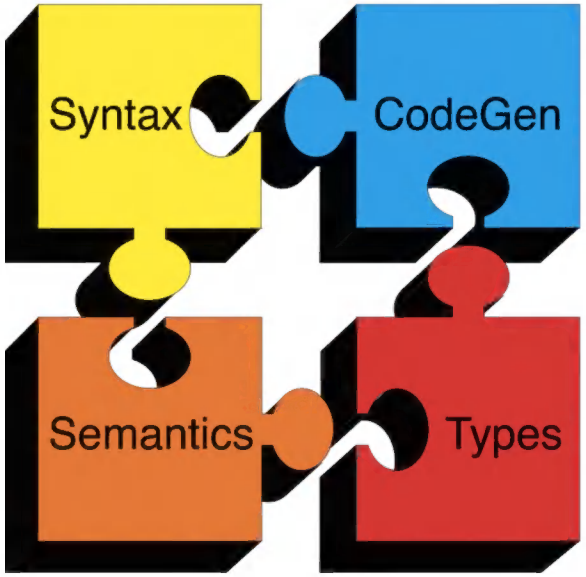

Compilers

Java Threads

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Java Threads

- Java has concurrency built in through *threads*
  - Each thread has its own program counter & stack
- Thread objects have class Thread
  - Start and stop methods
- Synchronization obtains a lock on the object:

  synchronized (x) { e }
- In synchronized methods, this is locked

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- Even without synchronization, a variable should only hold values written by some thread
  - Writes of values are atomic
  - Violated for doubles, though

- Java concurrency semantics are difficult to understand in detail, particularly as to how they might be implemented on certain machines